<u>CLAIM AMENDMENTS</u>

1.-38. (Cancelled)

39.   (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

receiving, over a global computer network, a request from a first computer system coupled to the global computer network for a second computer system coupled to the global computer network to provide an identification of the second computer system;

providing a visual interface on the second computer system to notify a user of the second computer system of the request and prompting the user to allow or deny the request; and

in response to the user allowing the request providing a hash value to the first computer system, the hash value being generated by encryption of a key associated with a first computer system with an identifier that identifies the second computer system.

40.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein the identifier that identifies the second computer system comprises a processor number.

41.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein the key indicates an address of a web site of the first computer system.

42.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein the first computer system is located at a remote location relative to the second computer system.

43.   (Currently Amended) An article comprising a storage medium readable by a first processor-based system, the storage medium storing instructions to cause a processor of the first processor-based ~~computer~~ system to:

receive a request over a global computer network from a first computer system coupled to the global computer network for a second computer system to provide an identification of the second computer system;

provide a visual interface on the second computer system to notify a user of the second computer system of the request and prompt the user to allow or deny the request; and

in response to the user allowing the request, provide a hash value to the first computer

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system, the hash value being generated by encryption of a key associated with the first computer system with an identifier that identifies the second computer system.

44.   (Previously Presented) The article of claim 43, wherein the identifier that identifies the second computer system comprises a processor number.

45.   (Previously Presented) The article of claim 43, wherein the key indicates an address of a web site of the first computer system.

46.   (Previously Presented) The article of claim 43, wherein the first computer system is located at a remote location relative to the second computer system.

47.   (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
a database; and
a first computer coupled to the database to:
        receive a request over a global computer network from a ~~first~~ second computer ~~system~~ coupled to the global computer network for ~~a second~~ the first computer ~~system~~ to provide an identification of the ~~second~~ first computer ~~system~~;
        provide a visual interface on the ~~second~~ first computer ~~system~~ to notify a user of the ~~second~~ first computer ~~system~~ of the request and prompt the user to allow or deny the request; and
        in response to the user allowing the request, provide a hash value to the ~~first~~ second computer ~~system~~, the hash value being generated by encryption of a key associated with the ~~first~~ second computer ~~system~~ with an identifier that identifies the ~~second~~ first computer ~~system~~.

48.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 47, wherein the identifier that identifies the ~~second~~ first computer comprises a processor number.

49.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 47, wherein the key indicates an address of a web site of the ~~first~~ second computer.

50.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 47, wherein the ~~first~~ <u>second</u> computer is located at a remote location relative to the ~~second~~ <u>first</u> computer.